



# ESL 260A/460A — American English Pronunciation 1

Winter 2025

**Course ID:** ESL 260A.50Z (37973)/460A (37975)    **Instructor:** Lynh Nguyen  
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**Classroom:** online via Zoom    **Office Hour:** M 6:00-6:30 PM  
**Term Duration:** 01/06/25 – 03/28/25    **Phone:** 408-838-9906

**Course Description:** ESL 260A (credit)/460A (noncredit) is designed to help you sound more fluent and understand spoken American English by learning important pronunciation features such as syllables, stress, rhythm, reductions, and intonation. You will also learn the proper articulation of troublesome vowel sounds. The goal is NOT to get rid of your accent (because your accent is an important part of your identity) but rather to help you communicate in English effectively.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** At the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the sound system and patterns of spoken English.
2. Comprehend and respond appropriately to the patterns of spoken English.
3. Apply the knowledge of the sound system and patterns of spoken English by orally producing level appropriate speech that is intelligible and accurate.
4. Demonstrate the ability to analyze one’s own speech mistakes and correct these mistakes independently.

### Advisory

ESL 251/451 and 255/455 with a grade of C or better, or a qualifying score on the ESL placement exam.

### Required Text:

- Well Said, Fourth Edition by Linda Grant (ISBN-13: 978-1-305-64136-5)
- Access to a device (computer, tablet, smartphone) with Internet connection, and video and audio capacities to attend class and complete assignments
- A small mirror and a rubber band
- An English-only dictionary such as: *Collins Corbulid Advanced*, *Longman’s Advanced American*, *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate*, or *The American Heritage*



<b>Grading:</b>			<b>Grading Scale</b>
	Recordings	40%	98-100% = A+
	Class attendance/participation	5%	91-96% = A
	Homework	15%	89-90 % = A-
	Quiz	10%	88-87% = B+
	Midterm – Wednesday, Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	15%	81-86% = B
	Final: Monday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	15%	80-79% = B-
			78-77% = C+
			70-76% = C
			69-0% = No Pass (NP)

**Patience and Practice:** Improving your pronunciation skills in English takes time, commitment, hard work and A LOT OF practice. I am here to help and support you in any way I can, but only **you** can do the work that will enable you to improve your pronunciation skills. Learning a language is like learning to drive. You can read about driving skills as much as you want, but you will never learn to drive until you actually get into a car and practice driving on the road.

**Canvas:** All homework assignments and material will be posted online. Go to the De Anza website [www.deanza.edu](http://www.deanza.edu), click on Canvas, log in and then select ESL 260A/460A. You should be able to see weekly lesson materials and homework assignments.

**Course Requirements:** Whether you're taking the class for credit or noncredit, the course requirements are exactly the same.

- Preparedness, Collaboration & Participation: In order to be successful in this class, you should pay attention in class, collaborate with other students, and participate in class activities, all of which are designed to help improve your English skills. This means:
  - Attending every class
  - Joining via Zoom and being ready by the class starts time.
  - Having your homework, textbook, and lesson materials ready for every class.
  - Being actively engaged throughout the entire class time, e.g. not checking your cell phone, surfing the internet, working, driving, etc.
  - Sharing your ideas, opinions, and answers with the class.
  - Working willingly and cooperatively with your classmates in pairs and groups.
  - Listening respectfully when others are talking, allowing others to give answers and not dominating the discussion.
  - Taking responsibility for your own learning process.
  - Asking for help if you are not doing well in class (don't wait until the last minute!).

**Attendance:** Attendance is required every **Monday & Wednesday**. Scheduled class meetings are synchronous, which means that you must participate by logging into **Canvas** and going to **Zoom** at the scheduled time.

If you are going to be absent during the first two weeks of the quarter, you must notify me. If not, I will assume that you are not interested in the class anymore and drop you. You may be dropped from the course or fail the class if you miss more than one class for any reason during the quarter. Two points will be deducted from your participation grade for each additional absence. Being tardy twice equals one absence.

If for any reason you decide to withdraw from the course, please let me know AND drop the course yourself online through My Portal so that you don't get a failing grade.

**Independence and Time Management:** I will be available via email to answer any questions and give help, but it is very important that you stay engaged. Please check Canvas at least a couple of times every week to see what is going on in the class, what you need to do and by when (check all deadlines carefully). You also need good time management skills, which means that you know how much time you will need to do each assignment and start as early as possible.

**Homework/Assignments:** You are expected to turn in your homework on time and come to class prepared. All writing assignments must be typed and submitted as doc, docx, or PDF files. NO late homework assignments or essays will be accepted. NO make-up quizzes or test will be given.

**Quizzes and Exams:** You will have weekly quizzes, a midterm, and a final exam. A quizzes and exams will be done online.

**Make-up:** There are NO make-up assignments unless you have an emergency that can be documented, e.g. a receipt from your doctor's office

**Academic Integrity:** Except for pair and group assignments, all assignments must be done by yourself. Any form of cheating will not be tolerated in any case. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

Copying from another student's homework, quiz, exam or any other material.

Having someone else do your assignment and submitting it as your own.

- Submitting homework that you've done for another class.
- Getting too much "help" from someone on an assignment where the work no longer looks like your own.
- Using any translating device or program to translate large chunks of texts, e.g. Google Translate.
- Copying any amount of material from a published source (e.g. the Internet, books, magazines) without citing the source. This is called **PLAGIARISM** and is considered a serious crime.

Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing may receive an **automatic 0** for the assignment, and even be dropped from the course and/or reported to the Office of Student Development. Students who help someone else cheat in any way may also receive an automatic 0 and be reported. If reported, the incident may remain as part of your permanent college record. Go to De Anza College's Academic Integrity for more information.

**This means no copying, cheating or plagiarizing. Do your own work.**

**Classroom Environment:** Let's be respectful of everyone and help create a comfortable environment for learning. Even though this is an online class, please dress appropriately, go to a quiet room where you will not be interrupted, and refrain from eating during class. If you have a child at home, make sure the child is occupied elsewhere. Anyone being distracting or disruptive will be asked to leave the class and reported to the Office of Student Development.

**Important Dates**

01/19/25	Last day to add
01/19/25	Last day to drop a class for a full refund and with no record of "W"
02/28/25	Last day to drop with a "W"

Helpful Student Resources:

- De Anza College Student Support Services - <http://www.deanza.edu/studentsuccess>
  - Academic Skills (Location: ATC 302)
  - General Subject Tutoring (Location: ATC 304)
  - Listening & Speaking (Location: ATC 313)
  - Math, Science & Technology (Location: S43)
  - Writing & Reading (Location: ATC 309)
1. De Anza Associated Student Body (DASB) Senate Location: Hinson Campus Center, Lower Level - <https://www.deanza.edu/dasb>
  2. Counseling and Advising Center Location: Student & Community Services Building; 2nd Floor - <https://www.deanza.edu/counseling/>
  3. Library Location: Library Building - <https://www.deanza.edu/library/>
  4. Health Services Location: Hinson Campus Center, Lower Level - <https://www.deanza.edu/healthservices/>

5. Psychological Services Location: Registration & Student Services, Rm 127 - <https://www.deanza.edu/psychologicalservices/>
6. Disability Support Services Location: LCW 110 - <https://www.deanza.edu/dss>